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Marie Steele to Sam Steele
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6A Pasadena Court,
Winnipeg, Aug 3rd

My darling Sam,

Your cable Aug 1st was the first pleasant thing yesterday morning about eight. "Division continues satisfactorily. we [sic] are all well. have [sic] nothing to add at moment to last cable." I was delighted to get it & then the mail brought as ever so many [proofs] of your kind love & affection in remembering us. three [sic] letters for me, two for Torla, one for Gertrude (these last I forwarded at once to Lang) one from my laddie, & others for the girls from the boys on active service. Your first is dated the 16th & tells of the rehearsal of the [revived] & of the war office trying to take your Gen staff officer. You were in an uncertainty concerning your

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own self & the cable which came at seven last night has told me "you have accepted the appointment offered." I do not know the exact wording just yet, as the girl who phone did not quite understand it & was to send it early this morning which she has not done. I phone the office & expect it any minute. You are always using your influence in [pleasing] your friends & I hope Lighthall will appreciate your efforts in [sic] behalf of his son. I know full well Cap^t [Main] will be most grateful. Your news re our laddie was indeed a great surprise, as even in his last letter, with his usual modesty, he never said a word about it. It is a very nice way of Gen^l Hughes showing his estimate of your work & the lad's own efforts, to do that without

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being asked & I can assure you, I feel proud. The cable has just come "Accepted appointment. arrange [sic] to come. see [sic] Mitchell re boat. American or Canadian." Well, my darling, I shall write a separate letter about that & ask for the necessary information. Your next is of the 17th & tells me about the very successful review. The dinner given by the Minister & Sir Robert must have been pleasant.

Who was M^{rs} Thacker, is she a Canadian? I am simply delighted to know the review was such a great success, that the men looked what they are, magnificent, & that they got the praise they so well deserve. As Gertrude says, "I am thrilled at your enormous success" & the proof you have given of your capability to command. also [sic] that the saddle is so comfortable & looks well! Phoned M^{rs} Donnelly & told her what you said re Cap^t D. she [sic] is getting ready to go over, Judith is to be married to M^r Alexander, an inspector in the Bank of Commerce, the first week in Sep^t & then the family will go. the [sic] boys have enlisted & expect to go over in Nov & she says they want to be with him. Judith is young to marry & is not so anxious about it, but the family think it best, as she could not return across in the spring & he could not get long enough leave to go across. Your next is that of the 20th all well & had a nice visit from

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Major [Owen] whom you met at General Strange's. the [sic] latter will be delighted at your new appointment, I am sure. How [funny] for Gen^l A. to make a childish speech to men, forgetting they are not now Boy Scouts. Chocolates are always acceptable even to men. Miss Parbury you remember meeting at Gov^t House during Sir Daniel's regime, do you not? You must be feeling fine & look so, if your reputation for looking like a centaur when mounted continues & is so marked!! [sic] Mother & myself spent the evening at M^{rs} Hagerty's last night. met [sic] M^{rs} Lynch & M^{rs} George Ryley there played bridge in gloom & could scarcely see

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our cards with the poor lights about. The girls are still in Lang enjoying themselves. motoring [sic] & talking principally. They are simply wild with excitement & will be thrilled when they know it is definitely decided that we are to go over. They write in good spirits & will, I hope be ready to sail in & work hard on their return. The weather seems more settled & we are having some sunshine for the last week. The elections are on. there [sic] is any amount of mud slinging, but one must expect that I suppose. People seem to think the Liberals will get in. We, of course read all the war news very faithfully, but it is so unreliable as a rule. The Russians will, no doubt,

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give us a big surprise some day. Col. Mitchell is hard at work, recruiting & is meeting with success, I believe. he [sic] tries novel methods & attracts attention. Well, my darling, I must not weary you. God bless both dear Harwood & yourself. What line do you think it best for us to travel by?. [sic] I shall inquire here. Tell my lad I shall write him later, as I am rushed this morning. Love from her nobleness. she [sic] is somewhat worried I think. she [sic] said yesterday "Sam has not asked me to go." People inquire of her when she meets them if she is coming with me, but she says she has not decided. Once more many sweet kisses & love from

Your own devoted, affectionate
little wifie,
Maye.

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My darling, when you get this you will be tired of seeing my writing, I want you to tell me I it is better to sell for any price, rather than store the furniture. two [sic] or three years storage is not good for it as a rule. The piano I shall leave with McLean & I think it will be all right. Now I have just phone Leslie's. their [sic] warehouse is fireproof, & dry. The cost of [~~storg~~] storage would work out at about from \$8⁰⁰ to \$10⁰⁰ monthly. he [sic] could give me an estimate, but I said I would let him know later.

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Your papers worry me, as I do not know whether I should bring them or not. just [sic] let me know & I shall pack them securely, books as well & store them. The books in your dressing room, so many military ones are not needed in Eng. are they? This information will help me very much. Then your clothes? they [sic] had better be brought, as well as Harwood's trunk of [muft] too. If put away for some years they will be of no use & all are perfectly good. The saddles I mentioned in my Sunday letter & suppose it is best to bring them? Does the Gov^t help in any way, bringing over your belongings.

Pictures shall be packed & stored with

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the furniture, except the Coat of Arms of South Africa, which I think should be stores in the Bank of Montreal Vaults or somewhere like that where I am sure it will be safe. Your buffalo coat, etc. I shall send to some furriers to store. shall [sic] I bring over the other great coats left here? Is this appointment for some years, do you think. you [sic] must not mind my asking so often, as it means arranging things differently. Then I mentioned the typewriter before. it [sic] is paid for & may be useful over there. I could go on indefinitely I suppose. then [sic] the silver? Tell me all, if you will, so that I shall do exactly what is right.

Well, my dear, I must not worry you any longer. Be sure I shall do my best to get over as soon as possible, but I have a great deal to do.

the [sic] rent here must be paid until Oct 1st. may [sic] be the third week in Sep^t is the best time for me to sail, as the equinoctial gales will be over by then. still [sic], submarine warfare may be worse. one [sic] knows not what to do, only I feel sure I cannot manage to have everything ready much before the time I mention.

God bless you, my own one. You cannot think how my heart is

beating, at the thought of seeing you once more. As ever Your devoted wifie.

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